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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to answer the outstanding Office Action mailed September 9, 2008 regarding the above-identified patent application. Payment in the amount of \$650.00 to cover the Request for Continued Exam and the fee for filing a Response within the second month is being submitted.

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